

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
ZONING COMMISSION HEARING
September 17, 2013**

Chair Chris Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Roll Call: Jim Binienda, present; Chris Hart, present; Jerry Mayfield, present; Angel Wuest, present, and alternate Joanne Elliot, present. Mark Schuster is absent.

This hearing is at the request of the Township Trustees, to discuss Zoning Resolutions pertaining to storage and livestock. Public and Legal Notices were placed in the Thursday, September 5 issue of The Blade and Sunday, September 8 issue of the Point/Shoreland Journal.

Ken Kay said there were some issues of immediate concern: L-shaped houses, set-back on corner lots, and livestock.

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Regarding **L-Shaped Houses**: Zoning Section 1320: Jerry Mayfield suggested changing the definition of a front yard. The suggested wording is (added words in *italics*):

Yard, Front: A yard extending along the full width of the lot between side lot lines and from the front lot line to the front building line *furthest from the street*.

Chris Hart moved to adopt the above wording. Jerry Mayfield seconded. Roll Call: Jim Binienda, yes; Chris Hart, yes; Jerry Mayfield, yes; Angel Wuest, yes; and Joanne Elliott, yes.

Livestock, Zoning Section 1300 – Supplemental Yard Regulations: There is concern about residents bringing livestock (i.e., chickens, horses, pigs, etc.) into the residential neighborhoods.

It was suggested that this regulation be added as 1300-A: The raising or maintaining of livestock and farm animals is prohibited anywhere in the township.

Jerry Mayfield moved to adopt the above wording. Seconded by Joanne Elliott. Roll Call; Jim Binienda, yes; Chris Hart, yes; Jerry Mayfield, yes; Angel Wuest, yes; and alternate Joanne Elliot, yes.

Charity Donation Boxes, under Zoning Section 1300, Supplemental Yard Regulations: Mr. Kay shared that there were many phone calls/complaints made about the donation boxes that are currently located on Summit Street. At the township's expense, they were cleaned up. Chris Hart suggested that a permit be required to place a donation box anywhere in the township, and the permit would have rules that would be required to be followed. Becky would start by talking to the property owners about the existing boxes that have been a problem. Mr. Kay and Mrs. Rex would like to see the donation boxes completely banned from the township; there are already many donation boxes and a local Goodwill drop-off in the Point Place area.

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Jerry Mayfield moved to ban Charity Donation Boxes, under Zoning Section 1300-B, Supplemental yard Regulations. Second by Angel Wuest. Roll Call: Chris Hart, yes; Joanne Elliott, yes; Jerry Mayfield, yes; Angel Wuest, yes; and Jim Binenda, yes.

Setback on corner lots (Rounding River and Woodfox), regarding storage: If you stand in front of the

house, the item is stored behind the house, but if you go to the side of the house, the boat is right there. Because we are boating community it was felt not to pursue this as an issue at this time.

Manure: Becky feels the only fertilizer allowed in the township should be processed fertilizer. Discussion was held regarding adopting the following paragraph as Section 1300-A1:

No lot owner shall permit the use of any lot for the keeping of farm animals or livestock and produces, directly or indirectly, the noxious order of the animals and livestock, insects, flies or other carriers of waste material, including, but not limited to, the transmission or flow of animal waste through the ground or by air from the lot to any adjoining lot or public right-of-way, or any other result of an animal or an animal husbandry ownership or use, which endangers the public's health, safety and general welfare on the lot or the owners or occupant of any adjoining lot. The Board of Township Trustees may determine and find any such use to be a nuisance and that such nuisance causes injury to the property of another; endangers life and health, is offensive to the senses, violates laws of decency, or obstructs the reasonable and comfortable use of one's property.

Jerry Mayfield motioned to accept the above paragraph as Section 1300-A1. Chris Hart seconded. Roll Call: Chris Hart, yes; Joanne Elliott, yes; Jerry Mayfield, yes; Angel Wuest, yes; and Jim Binenda, yes.

Jerry Mayfield motioned to recess to prepare the minutes. Angel Wuest seconded. Roll Call: Chris Hart, yes; Joanne Elliott, yes; Jerry Mayfield, yes; Angel Wuest, yes; Joanne Elliott, yes; and Jim Binenda, yes.

Meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Chair Chris Hart called the meeting back to order at 7:52 p.m. Jerry Mayfield made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Hart seconded. Roll Call: Chris Hart, yes; Joanne Elliott, yes; Jerry Mayfield, yes; Angel Wuest, yes; and Jim Binenda, yes.

Chris Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Mayfield seconded. Roll Call: Chris Hart, yes; Joanne Elliott, yes; Jerry Mayfield, yes; Angel Wuest, yes; and Jim Binenda, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Mayfield
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Zoning Secretary

Chris Hart
Joanne Elliott
Jerry Mayfield

Angel Wuest
Jim Binenda